November 11, 2003

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

Re: Surrender of Physical Therapist License License Number: 20827

Dear Members of the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners:

To resolve the Board's pending investigation into the matter of my competency to practice physical therapy and in lieu of incurring disciplinary action under the Maryland Physical Therapy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations, 13-101 et seq., please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice physical therapy in the State of Maryland. I understand that in so doing, I may no longer treat patients or practice physical therapy as set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Section 13-101(i). In other words, as of the date I sign this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I will be in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document. I understand that this Letter of Surrender will be sent to the federal Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank and may be shared with other state physical therapy licensing boards, and I also understand that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final public order which could result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. 10-611 et seq. (1999 Repl. Vol.).

I have decided to surrender my license to avoid charges by the Board that I am subject to discipline under the Maryland Physical Therapy Act, Health Occupations Article, Section 13-316(18)(Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent). By virtue of this Letter of Surrender I waive any right to contest those charges. I acknowledge that the Board has the right to revoke my license based upon my current mental incompetence to practice physical therapy. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I

understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender my license will remain surrendered indefinitely. I agree that I may petition the Board for reinstatement of my license when I am able to demonstrate that I am mentally competent to practice again, which reinstatement application may be approved or denied by the Board at its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Board may set forth any prerequisite conditions for the reinstatement of my license and/or may set forth any probationary conditions on my license upon reinstatement. I further understand and agree that I carry the burden of proof to show that I am capable of competently practicing physical therapy.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been given an opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

Alice Cheung, P.T.

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF Mary land	
CITY/COUNTY OF Howard:	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the	his, 2003, before
	and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared
	nd affirmed under the penalties of perjury that
signing the foregoing Letter of Surrende	r was her voluntary act and deed.
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	Notary Public TIMOTHY TAEYOUNG KIM
	My Commission Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAN Commission Expires August 5, 200
·	My Commission Copies

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS, on this 18th day of 12000 day

Margery Rodgers, P.T.

Chair